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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of :  
Yasuyuki HASHIMOTO et al. :  
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For: DAMPER MECHANISM :  
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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Assistant Commissioner of Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:  
Prior to examination of the above-identified application, please amend the subject application as follows:

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

Please replace the sub-paragraph beginning on page 8, line 3 with the following rewritten sub-paragraph:

-- FIG. 18 is a view of a diagram illustrating a torsion characteristic curve for the damper mechanism; --

Please replace the sub-paragraph beginning on page 8, line 5 with the following rewritten sub-paragraph:

FIG. 19 is an enlarged partial view of FIG. 18 illustrating a rotational gap that is positioned in a positive and/or negative side second stage of the torsion characteristic curve of FIG. 18;